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FROM USREP DOWNS/ICAO

FOR: ASSISTANT SECRETARY MAYNES

ASSISTANT SECRETARY D. BENNETT

ASSISTANT SECRETARY J. KATZ

E.O. 11652: NA
TAGS: PORT, EAIR, ICAO
SUBJECT: CONGRESSMAN BURTON'S COMMUNICATION TO SECRETARY GENERAL
ICAO

REF: STATE 089440

1. PER REFTEL WILL ADDRESS YOUR QUESTIONS IN THE SAME SEQUENCE AS
TRANSMITTED.

RE PARA 4A OF REFTEL: WOULD YOU PREFER TO HAVE CONGRESSMAN
BURTON BE A MEMBER OF DELEGATION OR PRIVATE PERSON? RESPONSE:
HEAD OF USDEL WOULD PREFER BURTON AS MEMBER OF DELEGATION
IF BURTON PLANS ON COMING.

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RE PARA 4B REFTEL: WOULD YOU BE WILLING CIRCULATE THE REPORT
AS AN "INFORMATION" APER TO OTHER DELS? RESPONSE: HEAD OF USDEL
IS ABSOUTELY OPPOSED TO SUCH CIRCULATION. ADDITIONALLY, HE
BELIEVES THAT SUCH A NOTION IS CONTRARY TO THE PROCEDURES OF THE
INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION. (SEE MONTREAL 637 FOR
TEXT SYG LETTER TO BURTON.)

RE PARA 4C REFTEL: WITH REGARD TO SUGGESTION CHAIRMAN USDEL BE
PREPARED TO ASSIST BURTON STAFF IN CIRCULATING THE REPORT, RESPONSE
IS ABSOLUTELY NO. (CIRCULATION OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPERS TENDS
TO ALIENATE NON-ENGLISH SPEAKING DELEGATIONS. MAJORITY OF
DELEGATIONS ARE UNAWARE AND DISTINCTLY DISINTERESTED IN US
DOMESTIC HEARINGS. IN ADDITION THE GENERAL PROPOSITION OF
CIRCULATING HEARING TRANSCRIPTS AND HEARING REPORTS
IS VIEWED AS PARTICULARLY OFFENSIVE AS IT CONSTITUTES A BREACH OF
ICAO PROTOCOL.)

WITH REGARD TO PARA 5 OF REFTEL RE OBJECTIONS TO PROPOSED VISIT
BY BURTON AND/OR HIS STAFF THE FOLLOWING COUNSEL IS PROVIDED.
AT THIS MEETING TO DATE THE ICAO MLS DELIBERATIONS HAVE BEEN
CHARACTERIZED BY ARGUMENTS AND DISCUSSIONS ON A VERY HIGH PLANE.
AT PRESENT THERE IS NEGLIGIBLE EVIDENCE OF CONCERN RE THE
ISSUES THAT CONGRESSMAN BURTON WOULD BRING TO MONTREAL. WHILE
THE HEAD OF THE USDEL HAS NO OBJECTION TO CONGRESSMAN BURTON'S
PRESENCE, HE DOES HAVE DEEP RESERVATIONS RE POTENTIAL WEAKENING
OF THE US POSITION SHOULD ISSUES EXTRANEOUS TO THE ICAO PROCESS
BE INJECTD AT THIS POINT. THERE IS NOT REASON TO BELIEVE
THAT THE PRESENCE OF THE CONGRESSMAN'S STAFF WOULD AID AND ABET OUT
PURPOSES. OF COURSE CONGRESSMAN BURTON'S
STAFF SHOULD FEEL FREE TO AVAL THEMSELVES OF THE
LEARNING EXPERIENCE HERE. WE CAN ASSIST. WE MUST TAKE CARE THAT
UNWARRANTED INTERVENTIONS IN ICAO PROCESS ARE AVOIDED.
USREP CONCURS IN ABOVE.

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